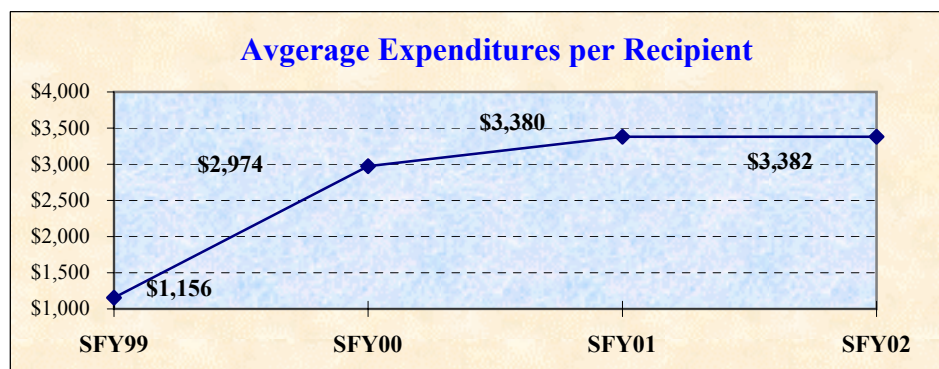
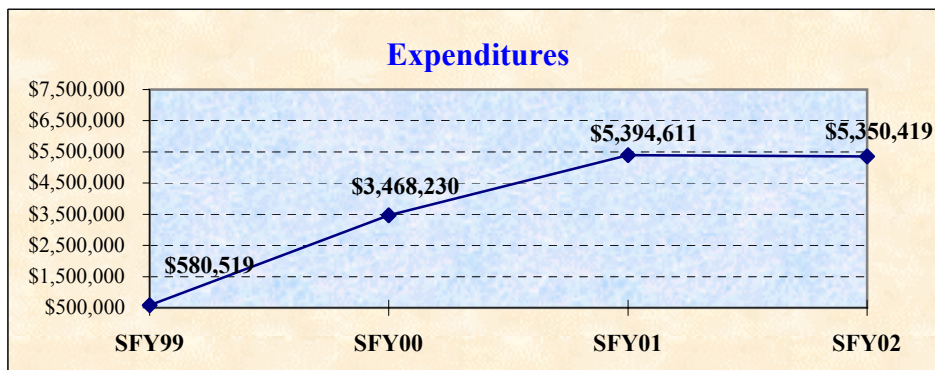
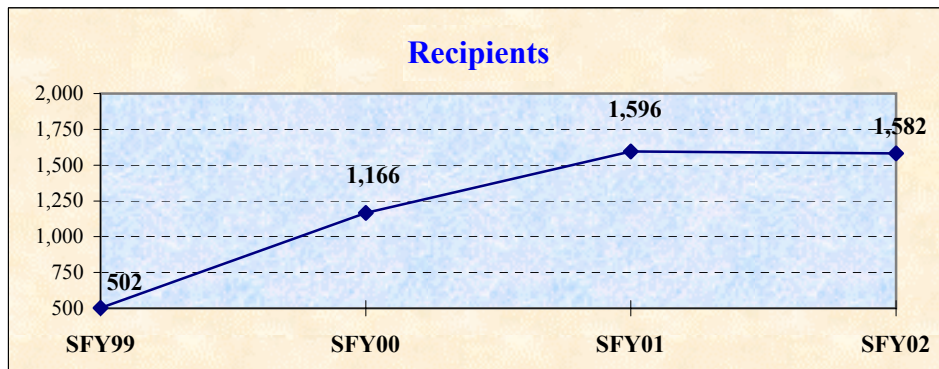


MEDICAID FACTSHEET INDEPENDENT CHOICES

Independent Choices
Expenditures as %
of Total Hosp/Med Exp:
SFY99: 0.06%
SFY00: 0.34%
SFY01: 0.46%
SFY02: 0.36%

IndependentChoices offers an opportunity to Medicaid-eligible adults with disabilities (age 18 and older) and the elderly who qualify for personal care, to self-direct their care. IndependentChoices provides qualifying clients with counseling and training to assist them in administering their personal care. Participants also receive a cash allowance with which they may hire an assistant or purchase other services and items related to their personal care. The goal of the IndependentChoices Program is to evaluate the efficiency and feasibility of a Medicaid personal care program that offers consumer direction with a monthly cash allowance. IndependentChoices is administered by the Division of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS).



Source: DSS Reports; Medicaid Statistical Reports; Medicaid Provider Manual